ATHLETIC COUNCIL REPORT
2008-09

I. Athletic Council Membership

Alumni Representatives: Joan Garety, Elizabeth Turpin, and Joey Spano.
Student Representatives: Henry Reinart, Katlyn Roggensack, Scott Hirko.
Ex Officio Representatives: Henry Reinart, Katlyn Roggensack, Scott Hirko.
UCAP Liaison: Martin Crimp.

II. Athletic Council Meetings


III. Intercollegiate Athletics - Operational Matters

- Varsity Team Schedule Review
  - Missed Class Time Guidelines (sports scheduling)
  - Length of Season Constraints
  - Avoidance of Final Exam Conflicts
- MSU Athletic Department Budget Review
  - Reorganization and Changes in Development
  - Review of Scholarship and Operations Funding
  - Gender Equity and Facilities Annual Report
- Student-Athlete Academic Support Services
  - Student-Athlete Surveys/Exit Interviews
  - Smith Academic Center Program Review
  - Life Skills/MSUnity [www.sass.msu.edu]

IV. Intercollegiate Athletics - Academic Matters

a. NCAA: Academic and Related Matters
  - Satisfactory Progress/Degree Requirement Monitoring
  - Athletic Certification Interim Report Review
  - Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse Operation/Amateurism
  - Gender-Equity in Intercollegiate Athletics (Annual Report)

b. MSU/NCAA: Graduation Rate Disclosure Reports
  - NCAA graduation report for student body and student-athletes
  - Compliant with the Federal Student Right-to-Know Act (1990)
  - Report submitted by Office Planning & Budgets [IPED/GRDF]
  - Report includes only athletes receiving athletically related aid
  - FGR (federal graduation rate) <> GSR (graduation success rate)
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2001-02 S-A exhausted athletic eligibility graduation rate = 90%

Calculations:
- Student-Body = number graduated / freshman cohort
- FGR S-A = number graduated / freshman cohort
- GSR S-A = no. graduated adjusted / freshman adjusted cohort
- Exhausted Eligibility = S-As who exhausted athletic eligibility

NCAA Division I-A Rates:
- 2001-02 Student-Body: 62%
- 2001-02 FGR S-A: 64%
- 2001-02 GSR S-A Rate: 78%
- 2001-02 Exhausted Eligibility: 86%

- Incorporates academic eligibility, retention, and graduation.
- ‘Real time’ metric of academic success by team (>925 threshold)
  - M Baseball (988)
  - W Basketball (961)
  - M Basketball (985)
  - W Cross Country (995)
  - M Cross Country (994)
  - Field Hockey (976)
  - Football (931)
  - W Golf (974)
  - M Golf (953)
  - Gymnastics (992)
  - Ice Hockey (978)
  - Rowing (984)
  - M Soccer (979)
  - W Soccer (992)
  - M Swimming (991)
  - Softball (969)
  - M Tennis (968)
  - W Swimming (995)
  - M Track/Field (965)
  - W Tennis (992)
  - Wrestling (963)
  - W Track/Field (964)
  - Volleyball (971)
V. Highlighted Council Deliberations

a. Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Review
   Intent: review COIA academically-related issues of student-athletes; effectiveness of staffing and tutorials; academic major distribution; and semester grade point average comparative study (1999-2007).
   Process: SASS report submitted to AC with academic majors, gpa comparisons, graduation rates, and detailed FB and MBB data.
   AC Discussion Points: academic major distribution (Top Five: Kinesiology, Criminal Justice, Social Science, Psychology, and Communication); team semester and cumulative gpa analytics.
   AC Resolution: Report moved to subcommittee for further review.

b. Non-Traditional Coursework Legislative Proposals
   Intent: review of NCAA proposals to permit student-athletes to be full-time enrolled based solely on non-traditional coursework.
   AC Discussion Points: discussed non-residential challenges, variables in formats of non-traditional delivery, transferability of non-traditional credits, and additional institutional concerns.
   AC Resolution: AC supported Big Ten amendment to restrict non-traditional credits to no more than 50% of requirements.

c. Faculty/Athletic Engagement Programming
   Intent: to develop strategic alignments at which interested faculty and intercollege athletics personnel can engage.
   Process: council was asked to suggest events, programs, venues, and activities in which faculty and athletic personnel could enhance interpersonal relations and outreach efforts.
   AC Discussion Points: suggestions focused mainly on athletic staff to academic functions (meetings, online activities, etc.).
   AC Resolution: AC subcommittee will consider in their planning.

d. Athletic Council Subcommittee Activities
   Academic and Compliance Services: review SASS annual academic reports and plans for improved services; review academic accountability; review compliance services report.
   Planning and Equity: review varsity sport gender equity and roster management data; review minority equity planning; consider elevation of club team(s) for varsity sport status.
   Communications and Operations: review ticket distribution policies and recommended ticket pricing; sport venue plans.
   Drug Education and Testing Policies: review policies relative to performance enhancement drugs, street drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products; review MSU, Big Ten and NCAA guidelines.

Each Athletic Council member is eligible to receive two season football tickets and either two M Basketball or Ice Hockey season tickets at a discounted price, subject to IRS tax rules. Seat premiums are payable in full.

→ Athletic Council website: msuathleticcouncil.org